

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in reply to the Office Action of July 7, 2006, a reply to which is due by October 7, 2006.

The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-1295 any charges required by the filing of these papers.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's determination of allowable subject matter, specifically claims 1, 4, 6 and 13-14.

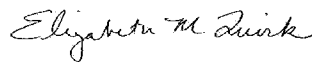
Reconsideration of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in light of the following comments. During a telephonic interview on August 17, 2006, applicants attorney, Elizabeth Quirk confirmed with Examiner Cephia Toomer that, although both Claim 5 and 15 were listed as rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 in the July 7, 2006 Office Action, only Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and Claim 5 was listed in error.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is the Examiner's opinion that the term "lower" is a relative term that does not have a comparative value. In view of this rejection, Applicants have cancelled Claim 15 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in full compliance with all statutory provisions and the reasons for rejection of record are no longer applicable. No new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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